

## WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2021

The January meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Jay Lochner, Committee Chair. In attendance were board members: Jay Lochner, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commission Liaison), Kelly Woods (Parks Maintenance), Anna Newman, Artie Fauble, Patricia Rowley and Kitty Baker. Absent was board member David Toohey.

Minutes from the December meeting were motioned to be approved by Artie and Anna seconded. Approved by all.

**Matthew Lynch** presented the National Guard project expected to take place at Heritage. (This was previously discussed at our March 3, 2020 meeting). This is expected to take place shortly after July 4, 2021 and should take @ two weeks. They plan on building four softball dugouts (to match the baseball ones), redo the bleachers and take down the shed and build another. The National Guard members will sleep in tents, bring their own equipment, use the restrooms at the park, use a main water source and cook there. The parks will be closed/locked at dark and this is their preference.

The projected cost of supplies is \$16,340.00 and their bank balance is \$8,882.82 (paperwork was handed out). Labor is provided.

Needed is permission to sleep in the park and also a signature to sign off on liability.

Matthew will attend the next Town Meeting to present the above to them for information and support.

**Kevin Connolly** requests that a dog park be considered at Heritage Farm Park. He stated the fenced area already existing from the previous mulch pile would be a good option. Mary Ann questioned the safety of this area, liability, maintenance and waste that would be accumulated. It was agreed that more research is needed from other municipalities to research the possibility of a dog park. Kevin will contact other towns about the sizes of their dog parks.

### **Kelly Woods Report**

1. More people are using Community Park and more trash needs picked up.
2. The sand digger broke at Community Park and will cost @ \$300 to fix. A new one is \$1,000.00.
3. A mulberry tree and an Ash tree blew over at Community Park. These were cleaned up.
4. The Porta Pot is working well.
5. The bridge area at Heritage needed blocked off for nonuse once again.
6. The barn at Heritage needed another change order due to old concrete that needed removed to place footers.
7. Christmas tree pick up at residential houses will be January 14 and 21. This will be done by our recycle company.

### **Mary Ann Report**

1. **Light up Walkersville** – This was a success with 100 votes total. Winners and prizes are as follows:

Library - \$75 Italia gift card

Village Tavern - \$50 A'Bloom gift card

A'Bloom - \$25 Renzi gift card

2 West Pennsylvania Avenue - \$75 Village Tavern gift card

39 Fulton Avenue - \$50 Old Towne Jewelers gift card

33 Maple and 9507 Glade Avenue - \$25 Subway gift card for each

2. The GVAA Use Agreement has some changes and will be on the agenda for next week's Town Meeting.
3. Just for informational purposes, the electricity used annually at HFP amounts to \$900. With the new building and its' use, this will change considerably. This should be considered in the agreement.

**GVAA – Michele Fyock**

1. Getting ready for Spring sports. Hopefully this will proceed as normal. Lacrosse and track will be somewhat questionable depending on school resuming.
2. A new Board will take over in April.
3. Poms was removed from insurance since they are not currently active. This can be added back if the sport is restarted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15. Motioned by Artie and seconded by Pat. Approved by all.

The next Parks meeting will be held Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Baker